

# PROGRAMME JULES VERNE

Sponsored by the French Ministry of Education  
and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy

## General Information

The Programme Jules Verne is a new and exciting teaching initiative sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and the Cultural Services at the French Embassy. The program, to be implemented in American schools in the fall of 2010, encourages international mobility for teachers while at the same time strengthening and developing international and cultural relations between France and the United States. It is our hope that this program will eventually develop into a reciprocal educational exchange between school districts in France and in the United States.

The Programme Jules Verne will send fully trained and certified elementary and secondary school teachers from France abroad to teach in school systems across the world. Created in the spirit of the European Erasmus program which promotes cross-cultural exchanges for students of varying nationalities, the Programme Jules Verne will allow participants to live and teach outside of France for a full school year, immersing themselves in the culture, language and civilization of the host country.

Each teacher sent from France will participate in day-to-day life at their school and will be exposed to pedagogical methods popularly used in the United States, including various teaching devices, grading systems, and theories regarding the orientation and supervision of students. The program will encourage participating teachers to pursue their love of education by accomplishing pedagogical goals in a new professional environment.

Upon their return to France, participants will reenter the French school system. Returning teachers will conduct elementary classes in English or will teach their primary subject of study to middle and high school students enrolled in English-language immersion programs. The program encourages reciprocal educational exchanges between school districts in France and in the United States so that American teachers also have the opportunity to teach in France.

## Teachers

The teacher's full salary will be provided by the French Ministry of Education. The host school district in the United States will be responsible for the teacher's visa and two roundtrip plane tickets.

All program participants will be fully trained teachers certified by the French government to teach at the elementary or secondary level of the public school system. Elementary teachers will be licensed to teach general elementary school classes. Secondary teachers will be licensed to teach one of a variety of subjects, including (but not limited to) French Language and Literature, History, Geography, Math, Science, etc. All participants will be highly proficient in both spoken and written English (European Classification Level B2 or higher). Teachers may participate a maximum of two years in a row.

For the 2009-2010 academic year, three hundred spaces were available for teachers from France to teach in various countries around the world. There are seventeen Jules Verne program participants teaching in the United States right now.

## Participating Schools

All public schools in the United States are highly encouraged to apply to receive a teacher from the *Jules Verne* Program. Priority will be given to school districts and states that already have exchange agreements in place with school districts in France and/or school districts that are ready to reciprocate. Immersion schools will also be given priority when placing teachers from France in American schools.

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